(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As pilot project on digitization, the national Mission for Manuscripts has digitized about 20,000 manuscripts during the last three years, involving more than 2 million pages, from the following four caches of manuscripts across the country:—

- Manuscripts of Iqbal Library, Srinagar
- Kutiyattam Manuscripts of Kerala
- Illustrated Manuscripts of Orissa, and
- Siddha Manuscripts of Tamil Nadu

Besides this the National Mission for Manuscripts is digitizing 1 million pages of Jain manuscripts from across the country and has also identified 50 important repositories across the country for digitizing 500 important manuscripts in their collection for digitization.

Setting up of Tribal Museums in Sikkim

754. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals formulated by Government for setting up of Tribal Museums in the States of North Eastern Region particularly in the State of Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) by when the Tribal Museums are likely to be set up in Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) As per information received from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, they provide Grants-in-aid to Tribal Research Institutes under the Scheme of Research & Training. There are 18 such Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in the country. These TRIs have tribal museums as one of the components of their Annual Activities. In the North Eastern Region, Manipur, Tripura and Assam already have scuh TRIs. No proposals for setting up of TRIs have been received from Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram and Sikkim in the recent years.